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In re Application of  
Iftikhar Khan, et al.  
Application No. 10/812,380  
Filed: March 29, 2004  
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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

**DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER  
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed June 10, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age, must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a statement from the applicant, Nazir Ahmad Khan, declaring that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3761 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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